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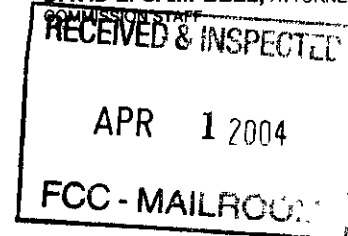


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March 29, 2004

Marlene H Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445-12th Street, SW, Room TW-A306
Washington, D C 20554

Re CC Docket No. 96-45, No 99-306, April 1st Certification Deadline for Non-Rural Carriers

Dear Ms Dortch

Pursuant to 47 C F R § 54 313, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("MPSC") files its required certification for the year **2004** for **SprintCom, Inc., Sprint Spectrum, L.P., and Wireless Co., L.P. d/b/a/ Sprint PCS** (collectively "**Sprint**") – Study Area Code No. **429788**.

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC") requirements in *Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service, Ninth Report and Order, Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No 96-45, FCC 99-306*, the MPSC certifies that Sprint's proposed use of federal universal service high-cost support for the year 2004 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Attached is a copy of the Commission's order in Docket No 2003-UA-0562

Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope and an additional copy of this letter for you to use in forwarding a stamped filed copy of this correspondence Thank you for your assistance in this matter

In accordance with the FCC's mandate, this certification letter is also being sent to Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bo Robinson".
Bo Robinson, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nielsen Cochran".
Nielsen Cochran, Vice-Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Callahan".
Michael Callahan, Commissioner

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Enclosure

Cc Irene Flannery

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

**Application of SPRINTCOM, INC.,
SPRINT SPECTRUM, L.P., AND
WIRELESSCO., L.P. D/B/A SPRINT PCS
(COLLECTIVELY "SPRINT") for Designation
As an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
In Mississippi Under 47 U.S.C. Sec. 214(e)**

DOCKET NO. 2003-UA-0562

ORDER

COMES NOW the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") and it appearing to the Commission, for good cause shown, and after reviewing the plan of SprintCom, Inc., Sprint Spectrum, L.P., and WirelessCo, L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS (collectively, "Sprint") for utilization for the year 2004 of Federal Universal Service ("USF") Funding that Sprint has submitted to this Commission, and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds as follows:

I.

On July 31, 2003, Sprint filed with the Commission an Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under Section 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2). The Commission entered an Order designating Sprint as an ETC on December 29, 2003.

II.

On March 1, 2004, Sprint submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2004 for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted was filed under seal, but generally proposed to maintain and support the existing infrastructure and also expand network services for projected 2004 growth. The

Commission finds that Sprint's proposed use of federal universal service funds for the year 2004 in Mississippi is consistent with the principles of Universal Service as outlined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by the FCC in its Universal Service Order.¹

III.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that Sprint's plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2004 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

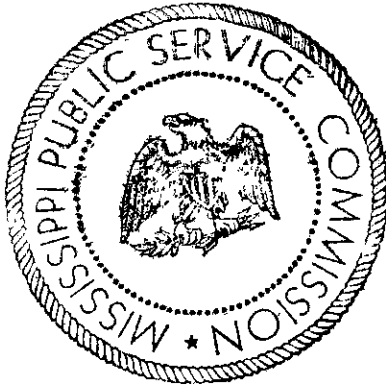
IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED.

1. The Commission hereby certifies that Sprint's plan to utilize Federal Universal Service High Cost Support Funds in Mississippi as contained in its plan submitted to the Commission on March 1, 2004, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. 254(e).
2. Sprint shall file quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.
3. This Order is effective as of the date hereof.

¹ Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 99-306, Released November 2, 1999 ("Universal Service Order") See generally, paragraphs 93-110

Chairman Bo Robinson voted Aye, Vice-Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye, and Commissioner Michael Callahan voted Aye.

SO ORDERED, this the 30th day of March, 2004.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY: Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

BY: Nielson Cochran
NIELSEN COCHRAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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